

Though a frequent user of the 160-meter Amateur Band, serious consideration by the FCC regarding issue of sectionalizing the band has, to this moment, escaped my attention, and presumably the attention of those with whom I regularly communicate. The probable reason is because this is a non-issue. Although the band enjoys good use on the West Coast, conflict resolution and good operating practice are the norm, a demonstration that 160 is "the gentleman's band". What purpose will be served with division?

Within today's spirit of de-regulation and promotion of diverse operating practices, any consideration which brackets the 160 band can quickly become technically restrictive and obsolete. It is a mistaken step that attempts to freeze old habits and patterns in the exploding realm of new technology.

If the FCC is to review Amateur practice, it should consider present usage of Amateur frequency allocations in light of the consequences of FCC regulations post WWII. Some are still in place, and have in my opinion served to limit the scope of amateur experimentation and technological innovation. Sectionalizing 160 is an increase in restriction.

Sincerely,

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